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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 OF
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Dear Sir:

I, Hiroyoshi Yamaguchi, declare as follows:

1. I am the sole inventor of claims 1-2 and 6-9 of the patent application identified above and sole inventor of the subject matter described and claimed therein.
2. I am currently working for NHK Spring Co., Ltd., the assignee of the above-identified application.
3. I am a joint inventor of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,185, issued to Yamaguchi et al. (herein referred to as "the '185 patent").
4. The '185 patent describes a submarine preventing mechanism.

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5. I am the sole inventor of all subject matter disclosed in the '185 patent that is recited in claims 1-2 and 6-7 of the above-identified application.

6. I am a joint inventor of U.S. Patent No. 6,450,573, issued to Yamaguchi et al (herein referred to as "the '573 patent").

7. The '573 patent describes an anti-submarine vehicle seat device.

8. I am the sole inventor of all subject matter disclosed in the '573 patent that is recited in claims 8-9 of the above-identified application.

9. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above application and any patent issued thereon.

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